

CLOSED AND STORM

BRITISH PARLIAMENT PROLOGUED
BY QUEEN VICTORIA.

After the Cabinet Ministers Had Been
Heckled Again and the South
African War Denounced.

LIBEL BY MR. BRYN-ROBERTS

WHO ACCUSED HIS COUNTRY'S SOLDIERS OF OUTRAGES.

Hot Reply by Mr. Broderick, Who
Defended the Government's Policy—Mr. Peck En Route Home.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Parliament was dismissed to-day until the middle of February with the reading of the shortest of the Queen's speeches. It was as follows:

"My Lords and Gentlemen—I thank you for the liberal provision you have made for the expenses incurred by the operations of my armies in South Africa and China."

The proceedings to-day in the House of Commons were a repetition, in miniature, of the debates of the brief session. The ministers were heckled, the war was virtually denounced and Mr. Chamberlain was further attacked. The war funds were finally voted after the secretary of state for war, Mr. Broderick, had given assurance that the government, during recess, would cordially co-operate with General Kitchener in an endeavor to end the war. Particularly stinging were the remarks of John Bryn-Roberts, Liberal, member for the South Elton division of Carnarvonshire. He declared that the British treatment of the women of South Africa was an outrage on civilization, and it was blasphemy to hold Christian services in St. Paul's in connection with the return of Lord Roberts, while there was such proceedings in South Africa.

Mr. Broderick hotly denounced Mr. Bryn-Roberts' assertions, saying that it was criminal to make allegations which could not be proved, but, however, would be telegraphed to South Africa to increase the discontent existing there. He held up Mr. Bryn-Roberts to the censure and reprobation of nearly every member of the House of Commons. These remarks were greeted with cheers. Mr. Broderick then repeated that the government should not desire to pursue a policy which would make it more difficult for the Boers to cease fighting and that the government abided in the declaration of Mr. Chamberlain.

The session was suspended until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, when both houses met and were prorogued.

The first session of the new Parliament, just closed, will ever be memorable, owing to the extent whereof personalities were introduced. The deliberations resulted in voting £16,000,000 for war, yet this was almost forgotten in the flood of personal attacks and defense which permeated the proceedings as it never did before in the history of Westminster. Briefly summed up it may be said that Mr. Chamberlain, the center of this movement, has come out of it little the worse. The denunciation of nepotism, exemplified by Lord Salisbury's "Cecil Cabinet," has accomplished nothing, though the vigorous crusade against Cabinet ministers holding directorships has brought about more resignations of such positions than expected. Dealing with the latter phase, the Spectator declares that English democracy, like the American, threatens to drive out of politics the men best qualified to be ministers, adding: "When we are reduced to the plain men of France or to the professional politicians of America, the democracy will learn that political genius is worth money." Public opinion on both this topic and the inclusion in the government of so many of Lord Salisbury's relatives is much divided without regard to party lines, though the Liberals appear satisfied with the efforts to impress on the country this curious condition of affairs.

Apart from those questions which have plunged even the sedate Tories into a vortex of personalities, the excommunication of Timothy M. Healy is the most noticeable political feature. The Spectator refers to him as by far the ablest living Nationalist, while all the important journals agree that a period of unrest and grave action lies ahead of Ireland. When Parliament reconvenes in February it will face the Irish members more determined than ever to obstruct, while the Liberals bid fair to make a united effort to bring home to the Unionists, to a considerable degree, the responsibility for the mismanagement and terrible losses of the war in South Africa.

PECK AND AIDS RETURNING.

American Commissioner to the Paris Show on the Way Home.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The American line steamer St. Louis, which sailed from New York on Tuesday, returned to New York on Friday. The American Commissioner to the Paris exposition, Maj. Frederick Brackett, secretary of the committee, and accountants, will, however, remain for a time, in order to effect a final settlement of accounts. While the American exhibits have not yet been entirely removed from the exposition grounds, with few exceptions all have been boxed, the contracts providing that they shall be moved by Dec. 23. It is believed the auxiliary cruiser Prairie will sail with the government exhibits the first week in January, going to New York, leaving there the exhibits in the art department, and then proceeding to Baltimore, where she will unload. Major Brackett said to-day he hoped everything would be closed up and he would be able to depart by the middle of January. United States Commissioner General Ferdinand W. Peck will probably remain in New York over Christmas, then going to Washington to make his report to the President.

A large crowd was present at the railway station to bid farewell to the departing Americans. Among the party which left for Cherbourg were Mr. and Mrs. and Master Peck, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Simms, Assistant Commissioner Benjamin B. Woodward, Lieutenant-Commander Alexander S. Capehart, Mr. and Mrs. Diaz, Ricardo Albertini, secretary of the Cuban commission, the exposition, Caspar Crowninshield and Assistants Wilkins, Helme, Love and Anthony. Also in the party were Lieutenant Commander Asher D. Baker and Mrs. Baker. Lole Fuller was among the passengers booked for the St. Louis.

The official report of the finances of the exposition show a loss of 2,000,000 francs. The total of expenditures is 116,500,000 francs. The receipts amounted to 114,500,000 francs. The loss is less than in the case of either of the preceding expositions.

An Unsupported Charge.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from Paris says: "The French customs authorities have served notice on Mr. Woodward, assistant United States exhibition commissioner, that they will not permit him to leave France until he pays duty upon a magnificent set of furniture which was moved from the United States pavilion to his apartment."

ments. As government property no duty was charged when it was brought to Paris, but as Mr. Woodward took the furniture to his private use it is liable to customs. The secretary of the treasury in Washington has notified Mr. Woodward that his salary is withheld until the furniture is restored. It is worth \$2,000. Woodward says he is acting entirely within his rights in taking the furniture."

SOCIETY ASTONISHED.

Marriage of Dr. Feldman and the Countess Helene Taaffe.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A dispatch to the Herald from Vienna says: "Vienna society was greatly astonished to read the announcement that the marriage of Dr. Jacob Feldman to Countess Helene Taaffe took place at Barza last Saturday. The affair has been the subject of so much talk lately and of so many contradictions that every one was taken by surprise. A few weeks ago the engagement of Dr. Feldman to the Countess Luise Taaffe, sister of the bride, was announced, but was again contradicted. The bride was formerly married to Baron Richard Mattenloitt. Dr. Feldman, who is a Hebrew, will be baptized shortly."

Curious Incident at Barcelona.

MADRID, Dec. 15.—In the Senate the government was questioned regarding a curious incident at Barcelona, where the police visited a printing office to seize a novel written by a priest, libeling the ecclesiastical authorities. The printer refused to hand them over, covering them with the British flag and claiming the protection of the British ambassador in Madrid and of the British consul at Barcelona. As he was an Englishman, the police withdrew, but stationed a guard at the door of the printing office. The minister who responded for the government said that the facts of the case had not been officially brought to the government's attention, but that if the incident were as it had been described the police were wrong in withdrawing.

Found in a Fish Pond.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The body of Lady Katherine Manners, eldest daughter of the Duke of Rutland, who had been missing since Friday, was found in a fish pond in the grounds of Belvoir Castle to-day.

The Duke's Wine Bill Unpaid.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Judgment for £250 was entered in the Queen's Bench Court to-day against the Duke of Manchester for wine and cigars supplied by a city merchant. The claim was not contested.

How Paris Is Being Purified.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The purification of Paris by the police continues. During the last two nights 97 arrests were made. A few of the prisoners were released.

Cable Notes.

The Scotch iron and steel manufacturers are said to be considering closing their works during January in view of the scarcity of orders and the high price of fuel.

The Cunard line steamer Campania, which sailed from Liverpool for New York yesterday, has on board E. Parmlee French, of Chicago, and his fiancée, Miss Alta Rockefeller, daughter of John D. Rockefeller.

An official estimate places the wheat crop of New South Wales, for this season, at 17,000,000 bushels, an excess of 4,500,000 bushels over the crop of 1899. The Sydney Morning Herald estimates that 8,000,000 bushels are available for export.

Baron Nordenskiöld has definitely secured the services of Captain Larsen, an experienced antarctic sailor, and has purchased a vessel for his antarctic expedition. It will go to Cape Seymour to further explore King Oscar II Land by the so-called Jason's route.

MARIE ST. FELIX TO MARRY.

Author of "Two Bad Brown Eyes" and "Patricia" to Marry a Doctor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Marie St. Felix, the novelist, author of "Two Bad Brown Eyes," "A Little Game of Destiny" and "Patricia," will be married Jan. 1, 1901, to Dr. Jerome Morrell Lynch, of this city. Dr. Lynch has been a physician in the French hospital. He is a nephew of the celebrated London surgeon of the same name. The engagement came about in an interesting and romantic way. Harriet Louise Husted (Marie St. Felix is a pen name) was married six years ago to G. H. Hollenbeck. They did not live happily together. Mrs. Hollenbeck went to South Dakota last summer and instituted divorce proceedings. Her husband fell ill in New York, and she hurried here to nurse him, notwithstanding her pending suit for separation. She brought him back to health. It was at this time that she met Dr. Lynch. When she was freed by the courts her engagement was announced.

Kid McCoy Weds Music Hall Singer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—According to a dispatch from London it is reported that Charles ("Kid") McCoy and Margaret Corneille, the music hall singer, were married early this week. Neither will affirm or deny the rumor. McCoy says he has three fights in prospect and will perhaps announce them next week. He does not specify with whom they are to be.

DAMAGES FOR WHIPPING.

Georgia Residents Sue Alleged White-cappers for Large Sums.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 15.—Because, as they allege, they had been taken from their home in the night and beaten by whitecaps, Benjamin W. Evans and Miss Emma White to-day brought suit in the Federal Court against eleven prominent citizens of Hix county for damages amounting in the aggregate to \$100,000. Each of the plaintiffs sues for \$50,000. The defendants are Agnes L. Alford, Florence M. Carter, John A. Dickerson, Solomon Bolo, Samuel W. Peery, Benson, J. D. Matthews, and others. The suit was called on of his house just before dawn on the morning of Oct. 2 and set upon by the defendants. He avers that his clothes were torn off and that he was beaten, choked and struck with a club.

RECEIVER APPLIED FOR.

Suit in Which an Insurance Company Is Alleged to Be Insolvent.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 15.—A bill was filed in Chancery Court by William J. Colburn & Co. et al. vs. The Traders' Fire Insurance Company and the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company. Fifty or more policy holders of this section join the suit. The bill charges that the Traders' company is insolvent and that the North British and Mercantile guaranteed its policies. The suit is brought to recover certain alleged premiums on policies canceled by the different North British and the Mercantile companies. A prayer is for a receiver for the funds of the latter company in this State until the suit is decided, and that all policy holders of the Traders' in the State be made parties to the suit and prohibit them from prosecuting separate suits. Colburn & Co. were state agents for the Traders'.

Ice Trust Gosses Another Company.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 15.—In face of persistent rumors which have been in circulation for several days, the officials of the Boston Ice Company, which controlled the bulk of the ice business in this city, to-day admitted that the American Ice Company, of New Jersey, had purchased a controlling interest in the Boston company. Details are withheld.

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CUBA WILL NOT PAY.

Refuses to Recognize a Porto Rican Claim of \$2,500,000.

HAVANA, Dec. 15.—Captain of the Port Young has received five bids for the removal of the wreck of the United States warship Maine. The bids have not been made public, but the removal of the wreck is assured.

The secretary of finance denies the Porto Rican claim of \$2,500,000 against Cuba on account of loans to Spain for war purposes. Governor General Wood approves the denial, which has been referred to Washington under the Paris treaty.

Mr. Michael J. Dady, the American contractor, has arrived here. He says he does not want an award, but wants the contract for the sewerage of the city of Havana, and he is fighting hard. A deadlock exists in the Ayuntamiento. The mayor denies the right of Senor Masquera to change his vote two days after it was announced, and it is the general belief in the quarters that Mr. Dady will be defeated.

Governor General Wood has named a supreme judge, a fiscal and Judge Advocate Dudley a commission to codify the island decrees and to incorporate them into a code of procedure.

The sum of \$5,000 has been appropriated for scientific instruments and materials for an institute at Santa Clara, and \$7,000 for one at Santiago.

WANTS HIS CHURCH BACK.

James E. Scripps, of Detroit, Charges Violation of Deed of Gift.

DETROIT, Dec. 15.—James E. Scripps, who built Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church, a handsome stone structure near his home, at a cost of about \$50,000, and who delivered it to the Episcopal church of Bishop Davies, of the diocese of Michigan, about three years ago, some time ago wrote a letter to the wardens and vestrymen asking them to return the property to him. This request has not been complied with, and he has instructed his attorney to prepare a bill in equity to ask the courts to compel the wardens and vestrymen to turn the property over to him.

Mr. Scripps claims that the church was built and delivered to the society with the understanding that no high church services should be held therein. This understanding, Mr. Scripps avers, has been violated, and he has withdrawn from the church in consequence. He demands the return of the property in order that services, with his best apparatus and a class of students in physics, will make the readings, and these are expected to furnish the basis to figure on for a test of eight miles in the spring.

The successful outcome of the experimenting is due to the energy of James Kelsey, William Read and Frank Flannagan, employed by the Northwestern Telephone Company, and while they have had all kinds of discouragements to overcome, they have the satisfaction of having made the first successful wireless telephone test that has been made in the United States.

Forty-Six Prominent People Charged with Plotting Revolution.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 15.—Advices received here from Demarara, British Guiana, under date of Dec. 5, announce the arrest in Caracas, Venezuela, of fifty-six prominent Venezuelans on the charge of plotting a new revolution. The arrests, it is added, have created great excitement.

STEAMER TABAGA RELEASED.

COLON, Colombia, Dec. 15, via Galveston, Tex.—The British steamer Tabaga (which was seized last month by the Colombian government to transport an expedition from Panama to the port of Buena Ventura, where she was used in the bombardment of the rebel position on Points Bazan and Solado), has returned to Panama. She was received by a guard of honor, and was saluted by a battery. The British gunboat Pheasant, detailed to inquire into the seizure of the Tabaga, has not yet arrived at Panama.

WORK OF AMERICANS.

The Great Viaduct Constructed in the Shan Hills of India.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—The Galkett viaduct, built by the British government in the Shan hills of Burma, India, as part of the railroad from Rangoon, Burma, through Mandalay into China, which, as announced in a dispatch, has been accepted by England, is the work of a Philadelphia concern. The construction of the viaduct is regarded as a most remarkable engineering achievement. The bridge spanning the Galkett gorge is 2,280 feet long and 320 feet high over the deepest part. The bridge is built entirely of steel. It has sixteen supports of lattice steel work, 140 feet apart. The supports vary in height from twenty to 230 feet, and the base of the highest covers 135 feet on each side. Altogether about 40,000 tons of steel were used.

Third Explosion in a New Mine.

MONONGAHELA, Pa., Dec. 15.—An explosion occurred in the Ellsworth coal mine to-day wrecking the mine and destroying the tipples. Over one hundred men were in the mine at the time, but the officials think all made their escape. The explosion was caused by gas ignited by dynamite. The works have been in operation but a few months, and this was the third explosion since the mine was opened.

Cargo of Mail Matter.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The Cunard line steamer Lucania, which sailed to-day, carried 240 sacks of mail matter, including 2,242 registered letters and packages. This is said to be the largest amount of mail matter ever carried across the Atlantic on one steamer.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 15.—"The Natural Food Company," of the city of Niagara Falls, with a capital stock of \$250,000, has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of State. The corporation tax alone

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A Policy of Extinction.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—"The Germans are still following a policy of extermination," says a dispatch to the Standard from Tientsin, dated yesterday. "A German force has just returned from an expedition against General Ma at Tsun-Chou-Fu, on plundering his baggage and releasing some dangerous Boxer prisoners he had taken. These proceedings are regrettable, as Gen. Ma has all along been active in suppressing the Boxers and defying the Empress dowager."

No Second Set of Receivers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Judge Lacombe, in the United States Circuit Court, to-day handed down a decision refusing to appoint a receiver for the Anglo-American Savings and Loan Association. His refusal is based on the facts that Justice Maddox, of the State Supreme Court, had already appointed two receivers, who were to discharge the functions of that office.

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